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PERSONAL FACT SHEET

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A. Personal data.

1. Born February 6, 1916, Boston, Mass.; father - Dr. W. H. Blanchard (deceased); mother - Mrs. Walter J. Herzfeld, Miami Shores, Fla.
2. Married in October 1950; wife - Anne Hutt Blanchard; children - Donald H. Blanchard; children by a previous marriage - son, William H. Blanchard II, daughter, Dale Blanchard Brown.
3. Hometown address: 160 N.E. 95th Street, Miami Shores, Fla.

B. Education.

1. Graduate Chelsea, Massachusetts High School, 1933.
2. Graduate Phillips Exeter Academy, 1934.
3. Graduate U.S. Military Academy, 1938.
4. Primary and Basic Flying School, Randolph Field, Texas, 1939.
5. Advanced Flying School, Kelly Field, Texas, 1939.

C. Service.

1. July 1934 - June 1938 Cadet, U.S. Military Academy.
2. June 1938 - Aug 1939 Primary and Basic Flying School, Randolph Field, Tex.; and Advanced Flying School, Kelly Field, Tex.
3. Aug 1939 - Sept 1941 Flying Instructor, Echelon Commander and Public Relations Officer, Kelly Field, Tex.
4. Sept 1941 - Apr 1942 Commander, Twin Engine Training Group, Ellington Field, Tex.
5. Apr 1942 - Nov 1943 Chief, Advanced and Advanced Transition Pilot Training Section, Flying Training Command, Fort Worth, Tex.
6. Nov 1943 - Mar 1944 Assistant to and Assistant Chief of Staff A-3, Executive Officer and Deputy Wing Commander, 58th Bombardment Wing (VH), XX Bomber Command, 2nd Air Force, Salina, Kan.
7. Mar 1944 - Aug 1944 Executive Officer and Deputy Wing Commander, 58th Bombardment Wing, XX Bomber Command, 20th Air Force, CBI Theater.
8. Aug 1944 - Feb 1945 Commander, 40th Bomb Group, XX Bomber Command, 20th Air Force, CBI Theater.
9. Feb 1945 - Sept 1945 Assistant Chief of Staff A-3, Headquarters XXI Bomber Command, 20th Air Force, Guam.
10. Sept 1945 - Jan 1946 Special Assistant to Chief, Aircraft Project Section, Wright Field, Ohio.
11. Jan 1946 - June 1948 Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Operation Crossroads, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, and later, Commander, 509th Composite Group and Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Roswell AAF, N. Mex.

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12. Aug 1948 - July 1951 Director of Operations, 8th Air Force, Fort Worth, Tex.

13. July 1951 - Jan 1952 Commanding Officer, 509th Bomb Wing, Walker AFB, N. Mex.

14. Jan 1952 - Apr 1952 Commander, 47th Air Division, Walker AFB, N. Mex.

15. Apr 1952 - Feb 1953 Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Walker AFB, N. Mex.

16. Feb 1953 - May 1953 Acting Commander, 47th Air Division, Walker AFB, N. Mex.

17. June 1953 - Feb 1957 Deputy Director of Operations, SAC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

18. Feb 1957 - Jan 1960 Commander, 7th Air Division, High Wycombe Air Station, England.

19. Jan 1960 - Sept 1961 Director of Operations, SAC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

20. Oct 1961 - Aug 1963 The Inspector General, USAF.

21. Aug 1963 - Feb 1964 DCS/Programs and Requirements, Hq USAF, Washington, D.C.

22. Feb 1964 - Feb 1965 DCS/Plans and Operations, Hq USAF, Washington, D.C.

23. Feb 1965 to Present Vice Chief of Staff, USAF, Washington, D.C.

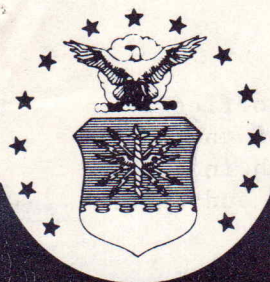
D. Decorations, Service Medals and Awards.

Distinguished Service Medal	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign
Silver Star	Medal w/6 bronze stars
Legion of Merit w/2 oak leaf clusters	World War II Victory Medal
Distinguished Flying Cross w/1 oak leaf cluster	National Defense Service Medal
Bronze Star Medal	Air Force Longevity Service
Air Medal w/1 oak leaf cluster	Award Ribbon w/1 silver and 1 bronze oak leaf cluster
Commendation Ribbon	Philippine Liberation Medal
Distinguished Unit Badge	Philippine Independence Ribbon
American Defense Service Medal	
American Campaign Medal	

E. Effective Dates of Promotions.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
2nd Lt		14 Jun 1938
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Lt Colonel	21 Dec 1942	2 Jul 1948
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Biography

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

GENERAL WILLIAM H. BLANCHARD

General William H. Blanchard, a commander of strategic bombing operations in World War II and now Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, began his distinguished military career as a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1938.

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, General Blanchard received his high school education in Chelsea, Massachusetts, and was graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy before entering West Point in 1934.

After completing pilot training at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas, in 1939, he held assignments as a flight instructor and as chief of advanced pilot training in the Flying Training Command, before his selection in 1943 for duty with the initial B-29 bomber wing then being formed in Salina, Kansas.

In 1944, General Blanchard, as deputy commander of the 58th Bomb Wing, flew the first B-29 into China to begin his participation in strategic bombing operations against the Japanese mainland. Later, assigned as commander of the 40th Bomb Group (B-29) and subsequently as Operations Officer of the 21st Bomber Command in the Marianas, he planned and flew low-level fire raids against major Japanese targets.

In the climaxing phase of World War II, General Blanchard was directed to prepare and supervise the detailed operations order for the delivery of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

After the war, he again had occasion to apply his knowledge of atomic bombing operations when, as commander of the 509th Bombardment Wing, he was called upon to participate in the "Operation Crossroads" atomic tests at Bikini atoll.

Assigned to Strategic Air Command's Eighth Air Force Headquarters as Director of Operations in 1948, General Blanchard helped direct the atomic training of crews for B-36s, our first intercontinental bombers. After commanding B-50 and B-36 bomber units of SAC, he was assigned as Deputy Director of Operations for that command in 1953.

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On February 19, 1965, General Blanchard became Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, with promotion to four-star rank. In this position, he bears a large share of the responsibility of managing the vast human and material resources of the world's most powerful aerospace force.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Asiatic Pacific Medal with six bronze stars. He wears the missile badge and command pilot wings.

General Blanchard is married to the former Anne Hutt, of Fort Worth, Texas.

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William Hugh Blanchard

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WILLIAM HUGH BLANCHARD '34

CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS

Pear: Entered Senior Year; Academy Football Team; Academy Winter Track Team; Spring Track Squad; Class Hockey; West Point; Kappa Delta Pi.

West Point, B.S. 1938.

**U. S. ~~Army~~ Air Force, Lieut. General; DCS/Plans and Operations.
Vice Chief of Staff.**

Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Presidential Unit Citation.

Wrote operations order for dropping the first atomic bomb on Japan.

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Chf, Advanced and Advanced Transition Plt Tng Sec, Fly Tng Comd, Fort Worth Tex	Apr 42	Nov 43
Asst to and Asst Ch of Staff, A-3, Exec Off and Dep Wg Comdr, 58th B Wg (VH), XX Bomb Comd, 2nd Air Force, Salina, Kansas	Nov 43	Mar 44
Exec Off and Dep Wg Comdr, 58th B Wg, XX Bomb Comd, 20th Air Force, CBI Theater	Mar 44	Aug 44
Comdr, 40th Bomb Gp, XX Bomb Comd, 20th Air Force, CBI Theater	Aug 44	Feb 45
Asst Ch of Staff A-3, Hq XXI Bomb Comd, 20th Air Force, Guam	Feb 45	Sep 45
Spec Asst to Ch, Acft Proj Sec, Wright Fld, Ohio	Sep 45	Jan 46
Comdr, 509th Bomb Wg, Operations Crossroads, Kwojalein, Mariannas, and later Comdr, 509th Composite Gp and Comdr, 509th Bomb Wg, Roswell AAF, N. M.	Jan 46	Jun 48
Dir of Ops, 8th Air Force, Forth Worth, Texas	Aug 48	Jul 51
CO, 509th Bomb Wg, Walker AFB, N. M.	Jul 51	Jan 52
Comdr, 47th Air Div, Walker AFB, N. M.	Jan 52	Apr 52
Comdr, 509th Bomb Wg, Walker AFB, N. M.	Apr 52	Feb 53
Act'g Comdr, 47th Air Div, Walker AFB N. M.	Feb 53	May 53
Dep Dir of Ops, SAC, Offutt AFB, Neb	Jun 53	Feb 57
Comdr, 7th Air Div, High Wycombe Air Station, England	Feb 57	Jan 60
Dir of Ops, SAC, Offutt AFB, Neb	Jan 60	Sep 61
The Inspector General, USAF	Oct 61	Aug 63
DCS/Programs and Rqmts, Hq USAF, Wash, D. C.	Aug 63	Feb 64
DCS/Plans and Operations, Hq USAF, Wash, D. C.	Feb 64	Feb 65
Vice Chief of Staff, USAF, Wash, D. C.	Feb 65	Present

PROMOTIONS

TEMPORARY

PERMANENT

Second Lieutenant		14 Jun 38
First Lieutenant		14 Jun 41
Captain	10 Oct 41	
Major	28 May 42	
Lieutenant Colonel	21 Dec 42	2 Jul 48
Colonel	24 Jun 44	23 Jul 52
Brigadier General	24 Sep 52	10 Mar 58
Major General	24 Oct 56	16 May 60
Lieutenant General	1 Oct 61	
General	19 Feb 65	

MEDALS AND AWARDS:

Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star; Legion of Merit and two (2) Oak Leaf Clusters; Distinguished Flying Cross and one (1) Oak Leaf Cluster; Bronze Star Medal; Air Medal and one (1) Oak Leaf Cluster; Commendation Ribbon; Distinguished Unit Badge; American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with six (6) Bronze Stars; World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Air Force Longevity Service Award and one (1) Silver and one (1) Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; Philippine Liberation Ribbon; Philippine Independence Ribbon.

GENERAL JOHN P. McCONNELL

General John Paul McConnell, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, has a distinguished military career which began in 1932 with his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

A native of Booneville, Arkansas, General McConnell graduated magna cum laude from Henderson Brown College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, with a bachelor of science degree in 1927. He entered West Point a year later and, at the time of his graduation in 1932, was First Captain of the Corps of Cadets. After taking flying training at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas, he received his wings in 1933.

A fighter pilot during his early years in the then Army Air Corps, General McConnell gained broad experience through a variety of operational and administrative assignments, including duty as assistant executive in the office of the Chief of Air Forces in Washington. Subsequently, he served in key Air Force positions in both Asia and Europe.

In 1943 he became Chief of Staff of the China-Burma-India Air Force Training Command at Karachi, India, and remained in Asia for the rest of the War. While Senior Air Staff Officer, Air Command Southeast Asia, and Deputy Commander of the 3rd Tactical Air Force in 1944, he participated in combat operations against the Japanese in Burma. In 1946 he was named Senior Air Adviser to the Chinese Government and, at the same time, commanded the Air Division, Nanking Headquarters Command.

The General returned to Air Force Headquarters in Washington in 1947 to become Chief of the Reserve and National Guard Division and, the next year, was appointed Chief of the Air Force's Civilian Components Group. Assigned to England in 1950, he served as Deputy Commander and later, Commander of the Third Air Force. He then took command of the 7th Air Division of SAC, commanding the Third Air Force at the same time.

This was followed by a four-year tour as Director of Plans at the Headquarters of the Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. In 1957 he was named Commander of SAC's Second Air Force with headquarters at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, and four years later returned to SAC Headquarters to become Vice Commander in Chief.

In 1962 General McConnell was assigned to Europe as Deputy Commander in Chief of the United States European Command and promoted to four-star rank. He was appointed Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force in August 1964, and assumed his present position on February 1, 1965.

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As Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, General McConnell serves in a dual capacity. He is a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff which, as a body, acts as the principal military adviser to the President, the National Security Council, and the Secretary of Defense. In his other capacity, General McConnell is responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force for managing the vast human and material resources of the world's most powerful aerospace force.

General McConnell is married to the former Sally Dean whom he met during World War II in Ceylon where she served as a WAC officer on the staff of Lord Mountbatten. They have two sons, Bruce and Dorsey.

The General's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, and numerous foreign awards, including Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

PERSONAL FACT SHEET

A. Personal data.

1. Born February 7, 1908, Booneville, Arkansas; father - Dr. S. P. McConnell; mother - Desseau Dorsey McConnell (deceased).
2. Married in November 1946; wife - Sally Dean McConnell; children - Bruce McConnell, Dorsey McConnell.
3. Hometown address: Booneville, Arkansas.

B. Education.

1. Graduate Booneville, Arkansas High School, 1923.
2. Graduate Henderson-Brown (now Henderson State) College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, 1927 (BS Degree, Magna Cum Laude).
3. Graduate U.S. Military Academy 1932.
4. Primary Flying School, Randolph Field, Texas, 1933.
5. Advanced Flying School, Kelly Field, Texas, 1933.

C. Service.

1. Sept 1928 - June 1932 Cadet, U.S. Military Academy.
2. July 1932 - Oct 1933 Flying School, Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas.
3. Nov 1933 - June 1937 Squadron duties, 79th Pursuit Sq, Barksdale Field, La.
4. June 1937 - June 1939 Squadron duties, 50th Observation Sq, Luke Field; Post and Group Adjutant, 5th Bomb Gp, Hickam Field, Hawaii.
5. June 1939 - Jan 1940 Assistant Engineering Officer, 91st School Sq, Maxwell Field, Ala.
6. Jan 1940 - July 1940 Assistant Post Adjutant, Maxwell Field, Ala.
7. July 1940 - Jan 1942 Adjutant, Southeast Air Corps Training Center and Aide to Brig. Gen. W. R. Weaver.
8. Jan 1942 - May 1942 Assistant Executive to Acting Chief, Office, Chief of Air Forces, Washington, D.C.
9. May 1942 - Sept 1943 Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff, Hq AAF Command (Technical Training), Knollwood Field, N.C.
10. Sept 1943 - Nov 1943 Deputy Chief of Staff, Hq AAF Tng Command, Fort Worth, Tex.
11. Nov 1943 - Feb 1944 Chief of Staff, China-Burma-India Air Force Training Command (provisional), Karachi, India.
12. Feb 1944 - Sept 1944 Senior Air Staff Officer and Deputy Commander, 3rd Tactical Air Force, Comilla, India.
13. Sept 1944 - June 1945 Senior Air Staff Officer, Southeast Asia Air Command, Kandy, Ceylon.
14. June 1945 - April 1946 Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Intelligence, Eastern Air Command, Chungking, China.

15. April 1946 - June 1947 Commander, Air Division, Nanking Hq Command, and Senior Air Advisor to Chinese Government.

16. June 1947 - May 1948 Chief, Reserve and National Guard Division, Hq AAF, Washington, D.C.

17. May 1948 - Dec 1948 Chief, DCS/O Civilian Components Group, Hq USAF, Washington, D.C.

18. Dec 1948 - July 1950 Deputy Special Assistant to Chief of Staff, USAF for Reserve Forces, Washington, D.C.

19. July 1950 - May 1951 Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, Hq 3rd Air Division and 3rd Air Force, England (USAFE).

20. May 1951 - Feb 1952 Commander, 7th Air Division, England (SAC).

21. Feb 1952 - May 1952 Commander 3rd Air Force and 7th Air Division, England (USAFE and SAC).

22. May 1952 - March 1953 Commander, 7th Air Division, England (SAC).

23. April 1953 - Nov 1957 Deputy Director and Director of Plans, Hq SAC, Offutt AFB, Nebr.

24. Nov 1957 - Aug 1961 Commander, 2nd Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La. (SAC).

25. Aug 1961 - Sept 1962 Vice Commander in Chief, SAC, Offutt AFB, Nebr.

26. Sept 1962 - Aug 1964 Deputy Commander in Chief, United States European Command, Camp des Loges, France.

27. Aug 1964 - Jan 1965 Vice Chief of Staff, USAF, Washington, D.C.

28. Feb 1965 - Present Chief of Staff, USAF, Washington, D.C.

D. Decorations and Medals.

Distinguished Service Medal
Legion of Merit with 3 oak leaf clusters
Distinguished Flying Cross
Bronze Star Medal
Air Medal
Commander of the Order of the British Empire
Tashou Cloud Banner Decoration
Lo Shou Decoration of Chinese Air Force
Chinese Air Force Pilot's Wings
Pao Ting Medal with Banner Ribbon
Grand Cordon of Yun Hui (2nd Class)
Collar Order of Pao Ting (5th Class)

E. Promotions.

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Major	22 July 1941	
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Brig General	24 Aug 1944	7 April 1954
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Lt General	30 June 1959	
General	1 Oct 1962	

LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAM H. BLANCHARD, USAF

PART I - Narrative

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As Operations Officer of the 20th Air Force, he was directed to prepare the detailed operations order for the delivery of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima by the 509th Bombardment Wing. Upon returning to the U. S. after World War II, he was assigned as Commanding Officer of this wing. The general's trip home was an aviation milestone. In company with General LeMay, his was the first non-stop flight across the Pacific Ocean.

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In August of 1948, General Blanchard was assigned to SAC's Eighth Air Force Headquarters as Director of Operations. In this capacity he was instrumental in the programming and implementation of the atomic training of crews to man the huge B-36s just then becoming operational.

This assignment was followed by another command assignment with B-50 and B-36 bomber units of the Strategic Air Command.

He was transferred to Headquarters, Strategic Air Command, in June 1953, for assignment as Deputy Director of Operations. In June of 1956, he was a member of a select group of USAF officers who accompanied

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In February 1957, the general assumed command of SAC's Seventh Air Division in England. He was designated representative for USAF in all matters pertaining to the installation, checkout, training and combat acceptance of the Thor missile units under the Royal Air Force. Returning to SAC Headquarters in January 1960, General Blanchard was assigned as Director of Operations. He served continuously in the Strategic Air Command for more than 15 years.

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He is married to the former Anne Hutt, of Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Blanchard's mother, Mrs. Anne Hutt, widow of William Hutt, resides in Fort Worth.

General Blanchard's son, William H. II, is a graduate of the University of Texas. He is married to the former Patricia Crampton. The couple has a daughter, Dianna, and a son, William H.

General Blanchard's daughter, Dale S., attended Texas Christian University, at Fort Worth, Texas, and Omaha University, at Omaha, Nebraska. The general's youngest son, Donald H., was born July 23, 1952.

As of September 1963

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He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with five battle stars. He wears the missile badge and command pilot wings.

He is married to the former Anne Hutt, of Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Blanchard's mother, Mrs. Anne Hutt, widow of William Hutt, resides in Fort Worth.

General Blanchard's son, William H. II, is a graduate of the University of Texas. He is married to the former Patricia Crampton. The couple has a daughter, Dianna, and a son, William H.

General Blanchard's daughter, Dale S., attended Texas Christian University, at Fort Worth, Texas, and Omaha University, at Omaha, Nebraska. She is married to Donald Barrett Brown. ~~They have no children.~~

The General's youngest son, Donald H., was born July 23, 1952.

As of December 1964

PART II: Fact Sheet

A. Personal Data.

1. Born February 6, 1916, Boston, Massachusetts, father - Dr. W. H. Blanchard (deceased); mother -
2. Married in 1950 ; wife - Anne Hutt Blanchard; children - William H Blanchard, II; Donald H. Blanchard and daughter, Dale S. Blanchard
3. Hometown address: Norwell, Massachusetts

B. Education.

1. Graduate Chelsea, Massachusetts High School, 1933
2. Graduate Phillips Exeter Academy, 1934
3. Graduate, U.S. Military Academy, 1938
4. Primary Basic and Advanced Flying School, Kelly Field, Texas, 1939

C. Service.

1. September 1934 - Jun 1938 Cadet, U.S. Military Academy
2. June 1938 - August 1939 Pilot Training, Primary, Basic and Advanced, Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas
3. August 1939 - September 1941 Flying Instructor; Echelon Commander and Public Relations Officer, Kelly Field, Texas
4. September 1941 - April 1942 Commander Officer, Pilot Training Squadron, Ellington Field, Texas
5. April 1942 - September 1942 Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, A-3, AAFTTC, Fort Worth, Texas
6. September 1942 - December 1943 Assistant to Assistant Chief of Staff, A-3, 58th Bomb Wg, Salina, Kansas
7. December 1943 - August 1944 Assistant Chief of Staff, A-3, 58th Bomb Wg, Salina, Kansas and CBI Theater
Executive Officer and Dep Wing Commdr
8. August 1944 - February 1945 Commanding Officer, 40th Bomb Group, CBI Theater
9. February 1945 - September 1945 Assistant Chief of Staff, A-3, Hq XXI Bomber Command, Marianna Islands

10. September 1945 - January 1946 Special Assistant to Chief, Aircraft Project Section, Wright Field, Ohio
11. January 1946 - June 1946 Commanding Officer, Operations Crossroads, Kwajalein, Mariannas (TDY)
12. July 1946 - July 1948 Commanding Officer, 509th Composite Group, and later Commanding Officer, 509th Bombardment Wing, Roswell AAF, New Mexico
13. August 1948 - July 1951 Director of Operations, 8th Air Force, Fort Worth Texas
14. July 1951 - January 1952 Commanding Officer 509th Bomb Wing, Walker AFB, New Mexico
15. January 1952 - April 1952 Commander, 47th Air Division, Walker AFB, NMex
16. April 1952 - February 1953 Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Walker AFB, NMex
17. February 1953 - May 1953 Acting Commander, 47th Air Division, Walker AFB, NMex
18. June 1953 - February 1957 Deputy Director of Operations, SAC, Offutt AFB, Nebr
19. February 1957 - January 1960
Commander, 7th Air Division, High Wycombe Air Station, England
20. January 1960 - September 1961 - Director of Operations, SAC, Offutt AFB, Nebr
21. October 1961 - August 1963 - The Inspector General, USAF
22. August 1963 - February 1964 - DCS/Programs and Requirements, Hq USAF, WashDC
23. February 1964 - DCS/Plans and Operations, Hq USAF, WashDC
24. 1965 Vice Chief of Staff, USAF

D. DECORATIONS and MEDALS
(see attached)

E. PROMOTIONS
(see attached)

GENERAL WILLIAM H. BLANCHARD

General William H. Blanchard, a commander of strategic bombing operations in World War II and now Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, began his distinguished military career as a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1938.

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, General Blanchard received his high school education in Chelsea, Massachusetts, and was graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy before entering West Point in 1934.

After completing pilot training at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas, in 1939, he held assignments as a flight instructor and as chief of advanced pilot training in the Air Training Command, before his selection in 1943 for duty with the initial B-29 bomber wing then being formed in Salina, Kansas.

In 1944, General Blanchard, as deputy commander of the 58th Bomb Wing, flew the first B-29 into China to begin his participation in strategic bombing operations against the Japanese mainland. Later, assigned as commander of the 40th Bomb Group (B-29) and subsequently as Operations Officer of the 21st Bomber Command in the Mariannas, he planned and flew low-level fire raids against major Japanese targets.

In the climaxing phase of World War II, General Blanchard was directed to prepare and supervise the detailed operations order for the delivery of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

OK After the war, he again had occasion to apply his knowledge of atomic bombing operations when, as commander of the 509th Bombardment Wing, he was called upon to participate in the "Operation Crossroads" atomic tests at Bikini atoll.

OK Assigned to Strategic Air Command's Eighth Air Force Headquarters as Director of Operations in 1948, General Blanchard helped direct the atomic training of crews for B-36's, our first intercontinental bombers. After commanding B-50 and B-36 bomber units of SAC, he was assigned as Deputy Director of Operations for that command in 1953.

OK In June 1956, he was a member of a select group of USAF officers who accompanied General Nathan Twining, then Chief of Staff of the U. S. Air Force, on an official visit to the Soviet Union which included a conducted tour of points of military interest in the Moscow and Stalin-grad areas.

OK General Blanchard assumed command of SAC's Seventh Air Division in England in 1957. Returning to SAC Headquarters three years later, he was assigned as Director of Operations.

OK After 15 years of continuous service in SAC, he was appointed the Inspector General, U. S. Air Force, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General. In August 1963, he was named Deputy

Chief of Staff, Programs and Requirements in Headquarters USAF, and assumed the duty as Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations, in February 1964. He was assigned the additional duty as Senior Air Force Member, Military Staff Committee of the United Nations, later that year.

On February 19, 1965, General Blanchard became Vice Chief of Staff of the U. S. Air Force, with promotion to four-star rank. In this position, he bears a large share of the responsibility of managing the vast human and material resources of the world's most powerful aerospace force.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with five battle stars. He wears the missile badge and command pilot wings.

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father - Dr. W. H. Blanchard (deceased); mother - Mrs. Walter
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2. Married in October 1950; wife - Anne Hutt Blanchard;
children - Donald H. Blanchard; children by a previous
marriage - son, William H. Blanchard II, daughter, Dale S.
Blanchard Brown.

3. Hometown address: 160 N. E. 95th Street, Miami Shores,
Florida.

B. Education.

1. Graduate Chelsea, Massachusetts High School, 1933.
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4. September 1941 - April 1942 Commander, Twin Engine Training Group, Ellington Field, Texas.

5. April 1942 - November 1943 Chief, Advanced and Advanced Transition Pilot Training Section, Flying Training Command, Fort Worth, Texas.

6. November 1943 - 15 March 1944 Assistant to and Assistant Chief of Staff^{A-3}, Executive Officer and Deputy Wing Commander, 58th Bombardment Wing (VH), XX Bomber Command, 2nd Air Force, Salina, Kansas.

7. March 1944 - August 1944 Executive Officer and Deputy Wing Commander, 58th Bombardment Wing, XX Bomber Command, 20th Air Force, CBI Theater.

8. August 1944 - February 1945 Commander, 40th Bomb Group, XX Bomber Command, 20th Air Force, CBI Theater.

9. February 1945 - September 1945 Assistant Chief of Staff A-3, Headquarters XXI Bomber Command, 20th Air Force, Guam.

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11. January 1946 - June 1948 Commander, 509th Bomb Wing, Operations Crossroads, Kwojalein, Mariannas, and later,

Commander, 509th Composite Group and Commander, 509th Bomb Wing,
Roswell AAF, N. M.

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Wing, Walker AFB, New Mexico.

16. February 1953 - May 1953 Acting Commander, 47th Air
Division, Walker AFB, New Mexico.

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Requirements, Hq USAF, Washington, D. C.

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Hq USAF, Washington, D. C.

23. February 1965 to Present Vice Chief of Staff, USAF,
Washington, D. C.

D. Decorations, Service Medals and Awards.

Distinguished Service Medal

Silver Star

Legion of Merit with 2 oak leaf clusters

Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 oak leaf cluster

Bronze Star Medal

Air Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster

Commendation Ribbon

Distinguished Unit Badge

American Defense Service Medal

American Campaign Medal

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 6 bronze stars

World War II Victory Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with one silver
Philippine Liberation Medal AND ONE BRONZE OLC

National Defense Service Medal

Philippine Independence Ribbon

E. Effective Dates of Promotions.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
2nd Lt		14 Jun 38
1st Lt		14 Jun 41
Captain	10 Oct 41	
Major	28 May 42	

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
Lt Col	21 Dec 42	2 Jul 48
Colonel	24 Jun 44	23 Jul 52
Brig General	24 Sep 52	10 Mar 58
Major General	24 Oct 56	16 May 60
Lt General	1 Oct 61	
General	19 Feb 65	

3 Sep 42 - 26 Nov 43 58th BW (H) Salina Kansas

22 Apr 43 - Constituted as 58 Bomb Operational Trng Wg (Heavy)

1 May 43 - Activated

Jul 43 - Redesignated 58 Bomb Wg (H)

Nov 43 - " " " (VH)

Spring 44 - India, assigned to 20th } 40th Group

12 Oct 44 - Debanded

1 Feb 45 - Reconstituted

8 Feb 45 - Activated (20 AF)

Returned to US in Feb 45

} 40th Group

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XX Bomber Command

Smoky Hill 19 Nov 43 constituted
12 Feb 44 20 Nov 43 activated (Assigned 2nd AF) } 58th
1 May Aug 44 - Jan 45 28 Nov 44 - 17 Jan 45 India, (assigned to 20th)
Flying School - Apr 45 Apr 45 all tactical component relieved of assignment
Mar 45
Jun-Jul 45 Okinawa

XXI Bomber Command

1 Mar 44 activated 2nd AF

late 44 maneuvers 20th AF

16 Jul 45 1st + 1st Sg → 1st Sgs 20th AF

} 58 → 45